

[Mr. K. Dominic Tomman.]

(b) No. 30 in the statement alone was granted an extension of service for one year from the 5th Kumbham, 1099, on which date he completed his fifty-fifth year of age.

*Headmasters of English High Schools complained against.*

330. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list showing the names of the Headmasters of English High Schools against whom representations have been made by the public by means of telegrams, memorials, resolutions and deputations, showing the nature of the complaint in each case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are not the Government in receipt of complaints against the Headmasters of Attingal and Kottarakara English Schools?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Complaints have been received against more than one Headmaster. But it is difficult to say whether complaints have been received against any particular Headmaster unless a question concerning him is specifically put.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Are the Government in receipt of complaints against those two Headmasters?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Refusal by the Secretary, Public Library, of the Presentation Copy of a Book.*

331. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it a fact that the officer in charge of the Trivandrum Public Library has returned a copy of the book "The Brahmin Peril" to its author, Mr. C. N. Madhavan Pillai, who presented it to the library, and, if so, why?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes; in accordance with the decision of the Library Committee.

*Suits against the Sirkar in the Kottayam District Court.*

332. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade cum Devicolam*):

(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of civil suits filed against the Sirkar in the Kottayam District Court to set aside the decisions of the No. 4 Party Settlement Officer in the *cherikkal* cases of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi* in the Changanachery taluk, which now forms the Kanjirapalli north and south *pakuthies*?

(b) How many of such suits were decreed against the Government and how many suits were compromised by the Government?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) 39.

(b) Sixteen suits were decreed against the Government and five were compromised.

*Complaints against Income Tax Officers.*

333. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (a) Have the merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha sent separate resolutions to the Government pointing out the hardships they are subjected to, owing to the arbitrary way in which income tax officers discharge their functions?

(b) Have the Government made any inquiries into the allegations contained in the resolutions of the traders of the Changanachery and Atirampuzha submitted to them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) A report has been called for from the Income Tax Commissioner in both the cases.

*Estimate of Taxable Income.*

334. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Is it a fact that, in estimating taxable income, the income tax officers estimate it as varying from 5 to 10 per cent. of the capital outlay?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In cases where accounts are not properly kept or where the value of stock at the beginning and at the end of the year is not ascertainable, the collectors of income tax have to resort to the method of arriving at the profits at so much per cent. of the total turnover of the business. The percentage varies with the class of business and the place where it is carried on.

*Entries made by Income Tax Officers in Account Books.*

335. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Do the income tax officers make entries in the account books of traders to the effect that those books are not trustworthy?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that no instance of the kind has come to the notice of the Income Tax Commissioner.

*Assessment of Income Tax from the Merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha.*

336. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): (a) How many assesseees are there for the current year from among the merchants of Changanachery and Atirampuzha?

(b) What is the amount of tax sought to be realised from them?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of assesseees whose account books were believed in and acted upon and the number of assesseees whose books were not so believed in? In the latter